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## NEWS.

PROFESSOR L. M. UNDERWOOD, of Columbia University, sailed for Europe the first part of June.

PROFESSOR D. T. MACDOUGAL, of the University of Minnesota, will spend June, July and August in studying the vegetation of the arid regions of Arizona.

PROFESSOR STANLEY COULTER, of Purdue University, is spending his summer vacation abroad. He will devote some time to study in the laboratory of Professor Dr. Strasburger at Bonn.

THE IMPORTANT RESULTS of a vacation trip to Mexico in 1896, by which forty-five new species of *Uredineæ* and much other valuable mycologic material was secured, has decided Mr. E. W. D. Holway, of Decorah, Ia., to undertake another similar trip beyond our southern borders during the present summer.

LLOYD'S *Photogravures of American Fungi* give two views of *Polyporus Berkeleyi* Fr. for numbers 23 and 24. The specimen grew at the base of a large tree, and was two and a fourth feet across. The photographs and their reproductions are skillfully made, and bring out the characteristic features with great clearness.

THE ALABAMA Biological Survey has sent out a long and interesting list of plants for exchange, including not only flowering plants, but ferns, mosses, liverworts, lichens, and fungi. The specimens are well preserved, ample and authentic, and are largely from Alabama, with some from Colorado. The expedition during the season of 1898 to the mountainous region of southwestern Colorado (not southeastern, as erroneously stated in the February issue), will include several expert collectors, and all classes of plants will be gathered. This region is especially rich in species, and is also interesting for its great ecological diversity. Sets of specimens have already been ordered by the chief herbaria of this country, and by many foreign herbaria. Particular classes of plants, or forms illustrating ecological features, will be furnished at the same rates as for full sets. Inquiries and orders may be sent to C. F. Baker, Auburn, Ala.